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**Obey IN EDGAR FOR UPDATE  
ON High School Technology Center**

EDGAR, WI - Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was at Edgar High School today for a briefing on how the School District plans to use \$95,351 in federal funds that he secured last year to convert an old wood shop into a modern Industrial Arts lab for students.

"Modern industrial skills are highly marketable, and there's no better way to learn those skills than hands on training with the latest tools. So I'm glad we were able to secure the funds to help the School District build this lab and I'm happy to be here today to see it first hand," said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The current Agriculture and Industrial Arts shops at Edgar High School were built in the 1960's. Despite some equipment updates, the basic layout and design of the old "wood shops" has remained the same. Using the federal funds Obey secured, Edgar High School plans to convert one of the shops into a high tech lab complete with the appropriate equipment to teach courses in CNC lathe operation, computer-aided design, graphic arts photography, laser engraving, modern welding, and plasma arc cutting.

Renovation will also include new wiring, plumbing, and ventilation system.

The new lab is necessary to allow the School District to offer students in-depth, hands-on knowledge of engineering and technology-based careers.

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